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SUBJ: VISITS TO MALAYSIAN CAMPS BY RELATIVES OF REFUGEES

1. DUE IN PART TO LOWER AIRFARES AND GREATLY INCREASED REFUGEE CENSUS IN-COUNTRY, REF:OFS AND UNHCR FREQUENTLY REQUESTED TO ASSIST U.S. RELATIVES TO VISIT BOAT REFUGUEES IN MALAYSIAN CAMPS.

2. SINCE MALAYSIAN CAMPS DECLARED RESTRICTED AREAS JUNE 2, 1978, ACCESS TO REFUGEES EXTREMELY LIMITED. GOM'S POLICY ON VISITS IS THAT APPROVAL WILL BE GRANTED BY NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL IF (A) VISITOR IS IMMEDIATE RELATIVE, I.E. SPOUSE, PARENT, CHILD, BROTHER OR SISTER AND/OR (B) VISITOR CAN IN SOME WAY EXPEDITE OUT-PROCESSING OF REFUGEE.

3. PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW, AS PRESCRIBED BY UNHCR, IS:

) WRITE UNHCR, NO. 3 JALAN SPOONER, LAKE GARDENS, P.O. BOX 185, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA. ATTN:RAUIV KAPUR.

B) INFORM PURPOSE OF VISIT AND RELATIONSHIP TO PERSONS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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CAMP; STATE PASSPORT OR TRAVEL DOCUMENT NUMBER, AND LIST PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN U.S.A.

C) UNHCR WILL THEN CONTACT GOM AUTHORITIES AND ATTEMPT TO SECURE PERMISSION FOR VISITS. IF SUCCESSFUL, U.N. WILL PLAN FURTHER IN -COUNTRY COORDINATION.

D) UNHCR WILL TELEX PERSON REQUESTING VISIT OF DECISION OF GOM AND BEST DATE TO PLAN ARRIVAL KUALA LUMPUR.

4. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO PASS FOREGOING INFORMATION TO ACVA WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR BROADEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION TO VOLAGS, TO INCLUDE LOCAL CHAPTERS. BIVEN PRESENT WORKLOAD FOR US AND UNHCR, ADHERENCE TO PROCEDURE WILL SAVE TIME NOW WASTED IN ARRANGING IMPROMPTU VISITS. IT WILL ALSO OBVIATE DISAPPOINTMENT OF RELATIVES WHO HAVE INVESTED HOPES AND MONEY ON TRIP FROM STATES ONLY TO BE REFUSED PERMISSION TO VISIT REFUGEE RELATIVES.
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